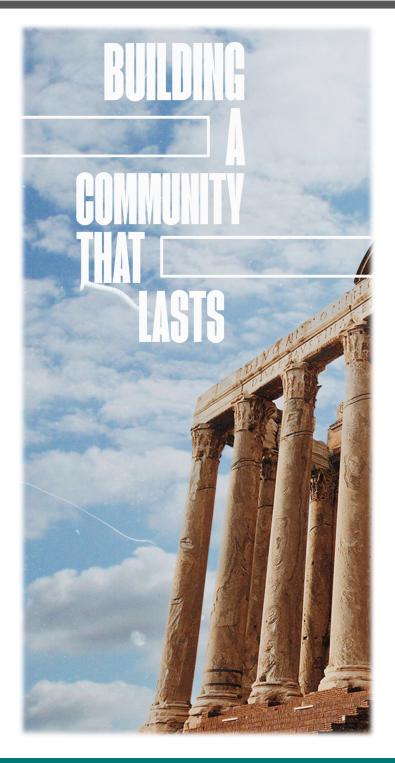


January 14, 2024









The Children's Ministry is staffed by loving volunteers that have been carefully screened with a background check for our children's safety. We welcome your children to our ministry.

Direct your children onto the right path, and when they are older, they will not leave it. Proverbs 22:6

PRESCHOOL—GRADE 5

### **SUNDAYS**

8:30a Children's Church (except 1st Sunday and Holidays)

11:00a Children's Church (except 1st Sunday and Holidays)

Nursery available on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings (birth - 3 years).

### WEDNESDAYS



**Kids Praise Team** - 5:00 - 6:00p



**Royal Rangers** - 6:30p for boys



**Mpact Clubs** - 6:30p for girls





"To the ends of the earth" Acts 1:8

SEE WEEKLY CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR ALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES

#### Sunday Evening, January 14th

No Students (At Summit Student Retreat)

Please join us in praying for our *Summit Student Retreat* happening over this weekend! All spots are filled, and we are asking God to do a mighty work at Awanita!

#### Wednesday, January 17th

HS and MS Groups 6:30 - 7:30PM

Students will meet in the gym to start the night off! Right after, we will head over to the main auditorium for worship and then head into our HS and MS groups right after. This is a great night to build community and have fun that is centered around Jesus!

Want to keep up with everything Covenant Students is doing?
Make sure to sign-up for our text thread by texting "covenantstudents" to (844) 619-1539!

FINANCIAL UPDATE	December 31, 2023	Year To Date
Undesignated Giving	\$46,727.92	\$1,568,562.25
Budget Needs	\$23,769.23	\$1,235,999.96
Over (Under) Budget	\$22,958.69	\$332,562.29
Building Fund Giving School Fund Giving	\$2,730.00 \$285.00	\$29,548.00 \$235,270.84
Other Designated Giving	\$4,540.00	\$137,526.55
Total Giving	\$54,282.92	\$1,970,907.64
Building Fund To Date	\$145,339.27	
School Fund To Date	\$367,736.84	



# **TO GIVE**

#### Scan Here!

— OR —

Go to covenantchurch.church and click the GIVING tab!

— OR —

Give on the **Covenant Church App!** 

## STAY UPDATED WITH EVERYTHING AT COVENANT!

#### **FOR COVENANT KIDS INFO:**

Text @covenantki to the number "81010"

## **FOR COVENANT PRAYER MEETINGS**

Text @prayercc to the number "81010"

## **FOR COVENANT MISSIONS**

Text @missioncc to the number "81010"

## **FOR ALL COVENANT INFO**

Text "covenant" to the number "704-735-1559"

# MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

## **SUNDAY SERVICE:**

Security Team January 14

Captain—Billy Burgin

Dylan Lofton, James Allen, Jody Campbell, Josh Abernathy, Scottie Sisk, Tommy Whisnant, Tracy Adams

# Security Team January 21 Captain—Robbie Walls

Gary Blankenship, Jake Rhodes, John Deason, Nolan Wilson, Shawn Kniceley, Tim Cloer. Mark Painter

#### **Nursery on January 14**

Babies Scott and Ronda Mullen Toddlers Iliana Gonzalez, Rebecca Cespedes 2s & 3s Nikki Lackey, Caroline Lackey

#### **Nursery on January 21**

**Babies** Jill Moore and Gilda Mervine **Toddlers** Iliana Gonzalez, Rebecca Cespedes **2s & 3s** Kelly Calderon, Jasmine Farley

## Wednesdays At Covenant

1.17 Wednesday Night Bible Study

1.24 Wednesday Night Bible Study

1.31 Wednesday Night Bible Study

## Mark your Calendar

1.14 New Members

1.17 Kids Water Baptism Class

1.20-21 Weekend of Worship with Catherine Mullins

1.28 Water Baptism

2.3 Men's Breakfast

2.4 Love's Journey Breakfast

2.5 Servant Leadership

2.6 Woman's Bible Study

2.11 Baby Dedication

### **WEEKLY CALENDAR**

Sunday, January 14	
7:15a	Worship Team
8:30a	Early Morning Worship
8:30a	Children's Church
10:00a	Connections for Prospective New Members
10:00a	Covenant Kids Volunteer Event
10:00a	Intercessory Prayer
10:00a	Sunday Connect
11:00a	Children's Church
11:00a	Worship Service + New Members
	nit Student Retreat
Monday, January 15	
Summit Student Retreat	
Tuesday, January 16	
9:30a	Homeschool Group
10:00p	Ladies' Prayer Group (Room 109)
Wednesday, January 17	,
-	Kids Praise Team
6:30p	Covenant Students—HS & MS Groups
6:30p	Royal Rangers & Mpact Girls
6:30p	Wednesday Night Bible Study
	Kids Water Baptism Class
Thursday, January 18	·
10:00a	Ladies' Intercessory Prayer Group
6:30p	Worship Team Band & Singers
Saturday, January 20	
9:30a	Refreshments in Café & Lobby
10-11:00a	Weekend of Worship Morning Session
6:30p	Night of Worship with Catherine Mullins

## **CONNECTIONS FOR PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERS**

Connections for Prospective New Members is an ongoing seminar for prospective members and others who just want to know how our church body believes and operates. The class may be joined at any time. Facilitated by David Creech, the class meets on Sunday mornings at 10a in Room 118. Also, available on Wednesday nights upon request by calling the church office at 704.735.1559.

If you are currently attending another Sunday School class, you may request CDs and a workbook to complete on your own prior to becoming a member.

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## From Our Pastor

## "Intentional"

2 Timothy 2:15 (NIV) Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

One of the things I have started doing in the last few years is asking God for a particular word that He wants me to remember throughout the year. I heard that a few people were doing this a few years ago and decided to try it myself. God has been faithful every year for the past 4-5 years to give me something very specific. This year, my word is "INTENTIONAL." I find that word to be very interesting. As I define it to myself, it means something very important. I feel it is a word expressing an action done with purpose. When I think of it in spiritually, I believe it is God calling me to be very diligent and purposeful in my pursuit of Him this year. I'm sure He wants that every year, but maybe a little more this year. I believe He is calling me to deep places. I believe He wants me to take some intentional steps to get there. I believe He is ready to take me. It is almost as if He is letting me know that He wants my permission to take me there.

With that said, I am committed to a very intentional life with Jesus this year. I want Him to add what I need and to remove all I don't need. I am taking an honest look at my walk with Christ and attempting to allow Him to do the "surgery" He needs to do in my spiritual life to get me to the right position in Him. I am certain this won't be fun, but I am also convinced it is necessary. I want to heed the call of His word that says, "Present yourself to God as one approved." I hope you will join me on the journey.

#### Michael E. Devine

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